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CPUC INVESTIGATIONS RESULT IN ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND FINES IMPOSED ON VARIOUS LIMOUSINES, SHUTTLES, AND BUS COMPANIES

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26, 2015 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing commitment to consumer protection, has recently taken a number of actions to protect consumers from illegally operating passenger carriers.

During the fourth quarter of 2014, the CPUC took the following enforcement actions against limousine, bus, and shuttle companies for violations of the Public Utilities Code and CPUC rules and regulations, including General Orders (GO) 115-F and 157-D.

Administrative Citation

Fifteen companies were cited and fined a total of \$51,000 for one or more of these violations:

1. Advertised a revoked permit number.
2. Failed to enroll and/or pre-employment test drivers in a mandatory drug and alcohol program.
3. Failed to enroll drivers in Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Pull Notice program.
4. General Order 157-D violation (failed to maintain a current equipment list, no sub-carrier agreement, or incomplete waybills).
5. Operated without a valid authority (suspended or unlicensed).
6. Operated vehicles that are not insured at the required minimum level of public liability and property damage insurance.
7. Failed to properly report gross revenue earned.
8. Failing to respond to consumer complaints.

Companies cited:

1. Laurence Murphy and Main Event Limousine Inc., Pacifica (TCP 13246 & 29897)
2. Roaming with Roman, San Diego (TCP 23503)
3. Amir Kahledi doing business as (dba) JoyGo Transportation Services, Vallejo (TCP

25742)

4. Dave Roger Smith, dba Shuttle Smith Adventures, Aptos (TCP 31557)
5. Tijuana Express LLC, South Gate (PSC 31064)
6. Horizon Coach Lines and The San Francisco Sightseeing Co., Long Beach (TCP 27333)
7. Stealth Limousine Service Inc., Los Angeles (TCP21795). Case: PSG3830
8. Keolis Transit Services LLC, Los Angeles (TCP 33220). Los Angeles (TCP 22810)
9. A Private Limousine, Newport Beach (TCP 13149)
10. Khalilolh Ghorbani dba LA VIP Limo, Hawthorne (PSG16511)
11. Steve Shawn Won dba All Star Limousine, Antioch (TCP 22722)
12. Joe Santalla dba Shuttle It, South Lake Tahoe (TCP 28677)
13. VIP Stars Limo Inc., Granada Hills (TCP 26727)
14. International Transportation and Tours LLC, Palm Desert (TCP 31986)
15. Pacific Pegasus International LLC, San Diego (TCP 30711)

Criminal Actions

- **Rick Michael Apodaca dba Platinum Luxury Limousine, Tustin (Unlicensed) OCSC Case# 14CN08789):** CPUC staff submitted a report requesting that the Orange County District Attorney's Office file a misdemeanor complaint for operating and advertising without CPUC authority. In October 2014, the Orange County District Attorney's Office filed a three-count misdemeanor complaint in Central Orange County Superior Court for violations of PC 484(a)-488 Petty theft, Public Utility Code 5371, and PU Code 5414.5 operating and advertising without CPUC authority.
- **Tres Estrellas De Oro, Huntington Park (Unlicensed) SDSC Case# SCD235498:** CPUC staff filed a misdemeanor complaint for operating without a CPUC charter-party authority to San Diego District Attorney's Office. On November 21, 2014, the owners and directors of Tres Estrellas De Oro, Jose Guzman, Luis Guzman, Tania Galvan, and Sandra Cazares were indicted.

Enforcement Actions at Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA):

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| Number of citations issued by LAWA police (unlicensed operations only) | 88 |
| Number of vehicles impounded | 86 |

Official Notices

Nine companies for one or more of these violations:

1. Engaged drivers prior to enrollment in the DMV pull notice and drug and alcohol programs.
2. Advertised and operated without authority (prior to issuance, expired, or suspended).
3. Conducted operations at an airport without holding an airport permit.
4. Engaged drivers without workers' compensation insurance on file and in effect.

5. Failed to include TCP authority number in advertisements.
6. Failed to update equipment list.
7. Incomplete or no waybills.
8. Knowingly and intentionally filed a false report that understates revenues and fees.

Companies receiving notice:

1. Sandeep Chahal dba Crown Royal Limo (TCP 28403)
2. Abel Torres dba Via America Tours, Chula Vista (TCP 22744-Revoked)
3. Peyman Roochel dba Black Tide Management, Encino (TCP 28668)
4. Santa Barbara Classic Tours, Carpinteria (PSG 33674)
5. Babkian & Arsen Dallakyan dba AAA BOI Limousine LLC, Van Nuys (TCP-29331)
6. Ivory Bennett dba Blessings From Above, Richmond (TCP 13727)
7. Troy Coleman dba Primary Limousine, San Jose (TCP 30216)
8. Palmas Limousine Services, Wilmington, (TCP Unlicensed)
9. Albert King dba King Limousine Service, Bakersfield, (unlicensed)

Refunds and Settlement Claims

Two companies agreed to refund monies to consumers for service related complaints.

1. Shuttle California Transit LLC (TCP 26692 revoked)
2. Barry D. Fantroy dba Prime Time Shuttle , Downey (TCP 28741)

Cease and Desist Notices

Thirty-four companies were issued a Cease and Desist notice for the violation of operating and/or advertising without a valid charter-party authority (unlicensed, suspended, revoked, denied, or expired).

The following companies were issued a Cease and Desist notice:

1. Jesus, Elizabeth and Martin Estrada, Manteca/Stockton. (Unlicensed)
2. AVM Transportation LLC dba Black Tie Car Services, Fresno. (TCP 30959-P)
3. RidePal, San Francisco. (Unlicensed)
4. Bethel Rides, Redding. (Unlicensed)
5. Mike Mata dba Shuttle Mike, Coachella (Unlicensed)
6. Takaendesa Maduke and Filmon Ticho dba Awesome Limousine Service, San Diego (TCP 30822)
7. Abel Torres dba Via America Tours, Chula Vista (TCP 22744)
8. A Crown Limousine Service LLC, Rancho Mirage (TCP 28249)
9. Sunrider Wine Tours Inc., Murrieta (TCP 27591)
10. Teodoro Villanueva dba Califormula Party Bus, Chula Vista (TCP 27739)
11. Walter Patrick Gibbons dba Bullets Sedan Service, South San Francisco (TCP 21479)
12. International Cultural Exchange Center USA, Inc., Millbrae (TCP 34434)

13. California Extradition Service, LLC, Daly City (TCP 29868)
14. Beverly Hills 25 Limousines. Beverly Hills (Unlicensed)
15. Donato Rivera dba Rosedale Shuttle Inc. Bakersfield (Unlicensed)
16. Juan Manuel Giron, dba S-A-L-S-A Express, Winnetka, (TCP – 26992 B, Expired)
17. Selene Palmas, dba Palmas Limousine Services, Wilmington, (TCP – Unlicensed)
18. United Business Connections, Inc., Pico Rivera, (TCP – 29814A, Suspended)
19. Win Education, La Crescenta (PSG None)
20. Donoghue Shirin Kay, Carpenteria (PSG33674). (Pending)
21. RidePal, San Francisco. (Unlicensed)
22. Stephen Sanzeri dba American Extradition Service, Weimar (Unlicensed)
23. Phil Rudnick dba Airport Valet Express. Bakersfield (Unlicensed)
24. Karen Harrison, dba LeKay's Limousine Service, Compton, (Unlicensed)
25. Royal Coach, Fresno (Unlicensed)
26. Cabanas Xpress LLC, El Monte (PSC/TCP 26634)
27. Tom Martell dba Tom's Famous Muir Woods Tour, Mill Valley (Unlicensed)
28. Janelle McGlothlin dba Hop Skip Drive. Pasadena (Unlicensed)
29. Joey Bergman dba USA Patriot Transportation, San Diego (unlicensed)
30. Travel Connection Group Inc., San Ysidro, (TCP 34344)
31. Lakeview Montessori, Foster City (Unlicensed)
32. Martin Estrada, Stockton, (Unlicensed)
33. Thomas Rides, Redding (Unlicensed)
34. Wine Tours From Tahoe LLC, South Lake Tahoe (Unlicensed)

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